

#### **4VAC15-290-60. Game: Permits: Holding Wild Animals for Exhibition Purposes.**

##### **Summary:**

The proposal is to remove the reference to the department's Richmond office mailing address, which is no longer accurate, and update with the current headquarters mailing address.

##### **Proposed language of amendment:**

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A. Where an exhibit is educational and purposeful in nature, wild animals may be exhibited with a permit provided for in § 29.1-417 of the Code of Virginia, under such restrictions and conditions as the board may prescribe.

B. Elementary or secondary school teachers may possess and display wildlife for educational purposes without a permit to exhibit wildlife, provided that:

1. Notification of the display is made to the department by mail to Permits Section, ~~VDGIF, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104~~ VDGIF, P.O. Box 3337, Henrico, VA, 23228-3337. This notification shall be made within 48 hours of the beginning of the display, shall be updated any time that additional wildlife is added to the display, and shall include:

- a. Number and species of wildlife held for display;
- b. Physical address of the location of the display; and
- c. Duration for which the display is intended to be maintained.

2. Species allowed to be possessed and displayed pursuant to this subsection shall be limited to those species included in the List of Native and Naturalized Fauna of Virginia, which is incorporated by reference in 4VAC15-20. In addition, in no case shall the following species be possessed and displayed without a permit to exhibit wildlife:

- a. Those species included on the list contained in 4VAC15-30-40, whether of native or exotic origin.
- b. Fur-bearing animals as defined in § 29.1-100 of the Code of Virginia.
- c. Those species defined as nonnative or exotic animals pursuant to 4VAC15-20-50.
- d. Migratory birds protected by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC §§ 703-711).
- e. Federal and state threatened and endangered species pursuant to 4VAC15-20-130.
- f. Nuisance species designated by § 29.1-100 of the Code of Virginia or 4VAC15-20-160, or nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species designated by § 29.1-571 of the Code of Virginia or 4VAC15-20-210.
- g. Predatory or undesirable animals or birds for which a permit is required by 4VAC15-30-20.

- 31 3. Any person bitten by mammalian wildlife must report the injury to the local health department. The  
32 offending animal must be segregated and housed separately from other animals and humans until the  
33 health department is notified.  
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- 35 4. Wildlife must be confined under sanitary and humane conditions that are appropriate for the species in  
36 captivity. All cages and enclosures shall be locked at all times when wildlife is not under the immediate  
37 control or direct supervision of the handler to prevent wildlife escape and unauthorized contact with  
38 individuals.  
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- 40 5. No wildlife held, possessed, or displayed may be released for any purpose without the written  
41 authorization of the department.  
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- 43 6. The department shall be notified within 24 hours of an instance of wildlife sickness or disease or in the  
44 event of an escape.  
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- 46 7. Teachers possessing and displaying wildlife for educational purposes in accordance with this section  
47 shall comply with all other local, state, and federal laws and regulations pertaining to species possessed  
48 and displayed.

**Rationale:**

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries relocated its headquarters from the location on Broad Street in Richmond to its current location on Villa Park Drive in Henrico in 2015. This update corrects references to the previous mailing address and replaces it with the current mailing address.